

Madison County Weed Board

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*The Regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board was called to order at 1:33p.m. by Chairperson Betty Sykes. Also present at the meeting were John Armstrong Chuck Buus, Sam Korsmoe, Ted Coffman, Margie Edsall, & Janie Alt
Absent were Bennie Clark & Guy Buyan.*

John Armstrong made a motion to approve the August 15th, 2006 Board minutes as presented. Chuck Buus second, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Old Business:

Office & Program Activities: *Margie and Janie will get all final billing out for DOT, FWP & BLM. Margie is finishing up final reports for Grants and will be applying for new grants. Madison County in cooperation with the town of Virginia City carried out 5 enforcements on properties in town. Also did an enforcement on the Fairview Mine & will have one more to carry out in V.C. Ranches Subd.*

Personnel Update: *Margie reported that all personnel are done. Sam will stay on until we finish up all non-compliance and until the enforcement in the V.C. Ranches Subd. is complete.*

Madison River Project: *Shawn Jones of J2 Weed Control has finished up on the river. At 8 Mile Ford He treated 127 acres and managed 4,605 acres. Margie attended the Ranchland Weed Committee meeting on the morning of the 19th and discussed the DOA Grant with the committee and it was determined that Madison County will continue to facilitate the grant. Margie visited with Bennie Clark and Bennie informed Margie that she will be resigning her position on the Weed Board. This position will be advertised for a month after Margie receives Bennie's resignation.*

Vehicle & Equipment update: *Bob Davis and Crew have gotten all equipment winterized and put away. Madison truck is getting last minute repairs done. Margie talked with the Board about buying a new trailer for the 4-wheelers. John Armstrong suggested that she look at purchasing one that is 18 – 20 feet. Margie said she would have Bob look to see what he can find.*

Other Old Business: *None.*

This point in the meeting Commissioner Ted Coffman took some time to talk to the Board about the addition to the Courthouse and the new Justice Center. He explained to the Board about the cost and the importance for these facilities and why it is so important for everyone to understand those costs for the future growth of our community. If anybody would like to know more about this topic I would strongly

encourage you to attend one of the Candidate forums, or come and visit with the Commissioners and look over the structure of the buildings that are on display in the Courthouse. For times and dates of the Candidate forums call Laurie at 843-4277.

New Business:

Weed Management Plans: *The Board reviewed five Weed Management Plans. They were the Elford Ranches, Richard Martings, Wallace Family Trust, David Jones, & John Irons. All were approved. One Subdivision Plan for the Overlook was reviewed and approved with modifications.*

Fall Aerial: *Will Hogan will be spraying up Wet Georgia on some mine claims the first week in October and in the Madison Valley the following week.*

Grants: *Margie will be re-applying for the Vigilante Canal and applying for a new grant for the Norwegian/South Willow Creek area. The Jefferson grant will be carried over.*

Board Dinner: *Will be held at the Bear Claw in McAllister the 25th after the regular Board Meeting which will be held at 3:30 p.m. that day.*

Coordinator Evaluation: *Margie handed out an evaluation sheet to each Board member to take home and fill out. The members will send their evaluation sheet to Chairperson Betty Sykes. Betty will bring them to the October 25th meeting where each one will be reviewed and discussed.*

Budget: *Margie reported that the 2840 will have to be updated as soon as she receives payment from the Dept. of Ag.*

Other New Business: *None.*

Meeting adjourned at 3:15

Next meeting will be October 25th at 3:30. Board dinner to follow at the Bear Claw in McAllister so bring your appetites.

Hope to see you all there

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Janie Alt, Office Manager